

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:33 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it request the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 437. An act to reauthorize the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The message also announced the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 342. An act to extend certain privileges, exemptions, and immunities to Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices.

The enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 437. An act to reauthorize the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following measure, previously received from the House of Representatives for the concurrence of the Senate, was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1747. An act to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize the design and construction of additions to the parking garage and certain site improvements, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-2238. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a draft of proposed legislation to facilitate the administration and enforcement of voluntary inspection and grading programs, the tobacco inspection program,

marketing orders and agreements, and the commodity research and promotion programs; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2239. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule relative to amending regulations for various commodity warehouses, received on June 17, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2240. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a rule entitled "Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Final Free and Reserve Percentages for the 1996-97 Crop Year for Natural Seedless Raisins", received on June 17, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2241. A communication from the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Streamlining the Rural Utilities Service Water and Waste Program Regulations", received on June 17, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2242. A communication from the Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, three rules including a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2243. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, three rules including a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2244. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, four rules including a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2245. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, two rules including a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska" received on June 3, 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2246. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of three rules including a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2247. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a certification regarding the incidental capture of sea turtles; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2248. A communication from the Chairman of the Surface Transportation Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report concerning a rule entitled "Railroad Consolidation Procedures" received on June 18, 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2249. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, three reports relative to Superfund Annual Reports for fiscal years 1992-1994; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2250. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue

Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a rule relative to Revenue Procedure 97-31, received on June 18, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2251. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, U.S. Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a Presidential Determination relative to the Trade Act of 1974; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2252. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, U.S. Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a Presidential Determination relative to Albania; to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Allocation To Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 1998" (Rept. No. 105-31).

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 648. A bill to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-32).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, I report favorably two nominations lists in the Coast Guard, which were printed in full in the RECORD on February 27, and May 15, 1997, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar, that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

(The nominations ordered to lie on the Secretary's desk were printed in the RECORDS of February 27 and May 15, 1997, at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

In the Coast Guard, nominations beginning Catherine M. Kelly and ending Ronald W. Reush, whose nominations were received by the Senate and appearing in the RECORD of February 27, 1997.

In the Coast Guard, Richard W. Sanders, said nomination received by the Senate and appearing in the RECORD of May 15, 1997.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. MACK (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM):